

Mr. Speaker, I think it is wise for all of us to remind ourselves every day that our primary purpose for being here is defending this country against military threats and defending the constitutional rights of our citizens. In terms of defending this country, we have to continue to remind ourselves every day that there is a growing military buildup in China that is unprecedented in the world. We face an ideological enemy in terrorism that if left unchecked will mean humanity will ultimately never sleep again.

We face a growing nuclear threat in Iran that could destabilize the whole world in a matter of months or years.

Those who would undermine the defense of this country for political purposes disgrace this body and disgrace America. I pray that we will always remember, as George Orwell said, that we

sleep in our beds safe at night because rough men stand ready to visit violence on those who would do us harm.

May we continue to defend this Nation. May we continue to defend the constitutional rights of our citizens, and may we always remind ourselves of the price that military heroes of the past have paid so that can happen.